

An Investment You Don't Want To Miss (Mark 10:28-31)

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An investment you don't want to miss (MK 10: 28-31). These are very tumultuous times for investors. Brakes bite their fingernails and shareholders sweat their shirts wondering where do I put my capital. They are all hoping that when the market is down they don't miss the investment of a lifetime. Reminds me of the story about Walt taking Art out for a drive way out in the country. Walt stopped in a remote location got out of the car and began to describe in vivid detail all that he was going to build out in that desolate stretch of land. He wanted Art to buy some of the surrounding land to get in on the ground floor of his project. Art said "Where in the world is going to drive twenty five miles for this crazy project. Art said some things about right money and maybe later. Walt said "Later will be too late, you'd better move now." The Art was Art Linkletter and the Walt was Walt Disney. A missed investment. Well I want you to get in on a lifetime investment that will not go bankrupt, who's dividends will far exceed your capital investment and who's

I. A Surrender that is Required - Now every investment calls for some amount of surrender. The rich young ruler, would not surrender the initial capital that is required. This causes Peter to back up and audit the transaction.

the returns on it is surrender. Notice something in the end

A. A Complete Surrender - (28b-c) We find earlier in Mark 1:18. We find Jesus calling his disciples, "They forsook their nets." There is an initial surrender of salvation, and there is an instant surrender of sanctification. Taking up our cross daily. If you want the return of Vs 30-31, there is the resurrection of Vs 28-29! God may call complete surrender in action like these

B. A Costly Surrender - The point of fact is that not all of us will be called to an action of surrender like Bordon. But we are all called to the attitude that a life invested for Christ is a costly sacrifice. (Vs 39), Taking a stand for Christ may cost you the profitability you once dreamed of the friends & family you held dear, the familiarity

C. A Criticized Surrender - Vs 30c Notice in the midst of the dividends of our investment there is another surrender point. Some investments are unpopular. Christianity is one of them. The persecutors of this world and the slander that accompanies the title of Christian a small in comparison to the kingdom to be inherited, but too high for me.

II. A Sacrifice that is Reasonable - These are sizeable investments to insure our pride, our wealth, our security, and comfort. What are there invested into Microsoft, Exxon, IBM, etc such large ones

- 1) ...and who's return is out of this world. I'm referring to the investment that Peter is questioning in verse #28. Every Christian can participate in this eternal investment by appropriating the three timeless truths found in our text:
- 2) ...like these disciples. William Borden heir to a family fortune was one that by action completely surrendered. While attending Yale University, Borden was converted to Christianity under the ministry of Dwight L. Moody. He later forsook all his family fortune to become a missionary to the Muslims of China, but died of spinal meningitis in Egypt during his training there at the age of 25. After his death, Borden's Bible was found and given to his parents. In it they found in one place the words "No Reserve" and a date placing the note shortly after he renounced his fortune in favor of missions. At a later point, he had written "No Retreat", dated shortly after he was diagnosed with meningitis. Shortly before he died, ha added the phrase "No Regrets."
- 3) ..the familiarity of home and hearth. But there must be a surrender!! Child of God hold life loosely. Missions and jails and pastoring have taken a toll on my life and family. But the investment must be made!!!!

1) Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies
of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2) 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ constraineth us;
because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all
dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not
henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for
them, and rose again.

3) ...foundation such as that deserves my life, my love, my all!
When we eye the blessed cross, the focus of our sacrifice, our
words should be that of the Psalmist: What shall I render unto
the LORD for all his benefits toward me? (Psalms 116:12)

reasorable. Rom 12:1 & Beseech ye there for ①

A. The Focus of Sacrifice - Vs 8b
and have followed thee! Vs 9d "for my sake!" He is worth the investment. Paul said it was a worth investment because of the mercies of God. Where do we see the manifest mercies of God? At the Cross at the Cross, where I first saw... It was that he gave all that I might have all!

1 Corinthians 5: 14-15 ② He paid the ultimate price. Not just physical pain and death, but the rejection of God and the ③ eternal torment of hell that I deserve. A foundation

B. The Function of Sacrifice - For My sake & and the Gospels (Vs 9e)

When we get a real good look at the cross and we realize that this horrid death was not only for the likes of me but for every other person in this world, it places a desire to share it with those around us. It is a reasonable sacrifice to endure the humiliation of bringing a simple gospel to a dying world. When we sacrifice ourselves to the person of Christ we become functionally useable to reach others.

III. A Salary that is Remarkable
So when we have invested what can we expect? What's the answer to Peter's Question? Well look at verse

30. There is a salary that is remarkable

A. An Earthly Salary - 100 fold
100 times what you invested. You won't find a single investment in all of down town Manhattan that pays like God pays! Missionaries that have left homes and parents & grandparents, can testify to the multitude of home that have been opened up to them in foreign lands. Pastor Evangelist that have lost family & friends for the sake of Christ can recount the blessed relationships w/ God's people that have more than ^{careys & neglect} accord for loss.

B. An Eternal Salary - The hundred fold of this life is only the dividend of our investment in Christ. The final pay out will be in heaven. If you read the book of Ezekiel you will hear an eloquent prophet fall all over himself to try to describe one glimpse of heaven. Like Revelation John's pen is pushed to the extreme to portray the glories of our eternal abode. What an investment!

V31. Jesus concludes with a final parable Warren Wiershe said D. God sees

IV. Close - I am reminded of the Poem.

Precious text to me. It encourages me to give it all to him.

- 1) ...God sees "things from the perspective of eternity – and the first become last while the last became first in God's eye's. Those who are first in their own eyes will be last in God's eyes, but those who are last in their own eyes will be rewarded as first! What an encouragement for the believer.
- 2) Who does God's work will get God pay, however long may seem the day, however weary be the way. Thought powers and princes thunder "Nay!", who does God's work will get God pay. He does not pay as others pay, in gold or land or raiment gay, in goods that vanish and decay. But God in wisdom knows the way, and this is sure come what may, who does God's work will get God pay.